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SUMMERS, WADE

Examiner

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THE REPLY FILED 27 October 2003 FAILS TO PLACE THIS APPLICATION IN CONDITION FOR ALLOWANCE. Therefore, further action by the applicant is required to avoid abandonment of this application. A proper reply to a final rejection under 37 CFR 1.113 may only be either: (1) a timely filed amendment which places the application in condition for allowance; (2) a timely filed Notice of Appeal (with appeal fee); or (3) a timely filed Request for Continued Examination (RCE) in compliance with 37 CFR 1.114.

PERIOD FOR REPLY (check either a) or b))

- a) ☒ The period for reply expires 4 months from the mailing date of the final rejection.
- b) ☐ The period for reply expires on: (1) the mailing date of this Advisory Action, or (2) the date set forth in the final rejection, whichever is later. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of the final rejection.
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Extensions of time may be obtained under 37 CFR 1.136(a). The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. The appropriate extension fee under 37 CFR 1.17(a) is calculated from: (1) the expiration date of the shortened statutory period for reply originally set in the final Office action; or (2) as set forth in (b) above, if checked. Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of the final rejection, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

1. ☐ A Notice of Appeal was filed on _____. Appellant's Brief must be filed within the period set forth in 37 CFR 1.192(a), or any extension thereof (37 CFR 1.191(d)), to avoid dismissal of the appeal.
2. ☒ The proposed amendment(s) will not be entered because:
- (a) ☒ they raise new issues that would require further consideration and/or search (see NOTE below);
- (b) ☐ they raise the issue of new matter (see Note below);
- (c) ☒ they are not deemed to place the application in better form for appeal by materially reducing or simplifying the issues for appeal; and/or
- (d) ☐ they present additional claims without canceling a corresponding number of finally rejected claims.

NOTE: See Continuation Sheet.

3. ☐ Applicant's reply has overcome the following rejection(s): _____.
4. ☐ Newly proposed or amended claim(s) _____ would be allowable if submitted in a separate, timely filed amendment canceling the non-allowable claim(s).
5. ☒ The a) ☐ affidavit, b) ☐ exhibit, or c) ☒ request for reconsideration has been considered but does NOT place the application in condition for allowance because: See Continuation Sheet.
6. ☒ The affidavit or exhibit will NOT be considered because it is not directed SOLELY to issues which were newly raised by the Examiner in the final rejection.
7. ☒ For purposes of Appeal, the proposed amendment(s) a) ☒ will not be entered or b) ☐ will be entered and an explanation of how the new or amended claims would be rejected is provided below or appended.

The status of the claim(s) is (or will be) as follows:

Claim(s) allowed: _____.

Claim(s) objected to: 15 and 18-21.

Claim(s) rejected: 1-14 and 17.

Claim(s) withdrawn from consideration: _____.

8. ☐ The drawing correction filed on _____ is a) ☐ approved or b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
9. ☒ Note the attached Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s). 10/27/2003.
10. ☐ Other: _____

Continuation of 2: As set forth in the previous Advisory Action, the language "at least some of the balls are independent of said tire and rim..." was not required by the claims prior to the Final Rejection. This newly added limitation requires further search and consideration and as such, the after final amendment is not being entered. It is emphasized that the previously drafted claims never identified the circumferential movement of the respective balls upon puncture of a given ball- the claims only required a plurality of inflated balls having a diameter that spans the tire cavity.

Continuation of 5: As set forth in the Final Rejection, the prior art references of record recognize the use of inflatable balls that span the diameter of a tire cavity, wherein such an assembly is described as being usable with any standard/common rim construction. One of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have found it obvious to use a conventional, safety rim with an "inflatable ball" assembly since safety rims are extensively used in the manufacture of modern tire constructions. It is emphasized that rim technology has significantly changed since the time at which the "inflatable ball" assemblies were described by the prior art references of record- thus, in adapting the "inflatable ball" assembly to a modern day tire and in view of the prior art recognizing the use of any standard/common rim construction, one of ordinary skill in the art at the time of the invention would have looked to current tire technology, including a conventional safety rim.

Regarding the declaration, the declaration is untimely and will not be considered because good and sufficient reasons why it was not earlier presented have not been shown.

Continuation of 9: The information disclosure statement (IDS) submitted on October 27, 2003 was filed after the mailing date of the Final Rejection on June 26, 2003. The submission is in compliance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.97. Accordingly, the information disclosure statement is being considered by the examiner.


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